

THREATS AND OCT. 1 DISPOSSESS WRITS MENACE HEALTH

Virtually the Entire City Suffering From "Nerves"—
Doctors Alarmed.

There is no doubt that the general health of thousands of New York's rent-paying population is being undermined by the constant worry and strain to which their minds have been subjected during the past four months of the summer season and the added mental anguish to which they are now being subjected by the "notice to vacate" letters and the imminent "dispossession proceedings." The present avalanche of threatening letters in a final effort to secure tenants into signing leases at exorbitant rentals, just prior to the extra session of the Legislature, called to correct this very condition and to curb the gougers, has aggravated the condition of general ill-health.

The Evening World has procured the following statements from physicians practicing in neighborhoods housing many thousands of citizens who are actually bordering on nervous collapse due to worry over the question whether they are to be protected in their homes.

Dr. M. Sugarman, No. 489 West 14th Street: "Thousands upon thousands of people are worrying themselves sick over the rent situation, most of them after having received removal notices sent by their landlords in an attempt to scare them into signing up leases on unreasonable terms before the extra session of the Legislature which convenes next Monday. In the past week I have treated more than a dozen cases of people of the fairly well-to-do class who are nervous wrecks, most of them housewives who have been threatened with dispossession proceedings and who are worrying over the question of a home after Oct. 1 or later in the fall. I have made it my business to trace the cause of the alarming number of such cases of 'nerves' and almost invariably have found it to be the loss of sleep and inability to eat due to the serving of notices to vacate or the anticipation of court proceedings next month. The situation amounts to a real calamity, with its dire effects upon the health of so many thousands and the deadly results that would follow in case of an epidemic should one develop."

Dr. James H. Foster, No. 546 West 14th Street: "Thousands of people in the Washington Heights and Inwood sections of the city are completely 'up in the air' and bordering upon nervous collapse, due to the anticipation of eviction from their homes during the fall through dispossession proceedings brought by unreasonable landlords. Many of these cases are of women, mothers of families who, during the period of the war rendered heroic Red Cross and other welfare service under terrific stress and nervous tension, and who are now living under a strain ten times as great, due to worry, loss of sleep and malnutrition from inability to eat properly. The conditions might easily develop into a calamity and should be immediately corrected by the State Legislature at the coming extra session."

Dr. Vincent Gallacher, No. 667 Duane Avenue, Brooklyn: "I do not allow my patients to worry over their rent problems. At the first sign of 'nerves' I remind them that the Legislature has been called into extra session for the express purpose of curbing profiteering landlords and I assure them that they cannot and will not be evicted from their homes."

"This is taking preventive measures against nervous collapse due to worry and I'm sure that the Legislature will also adopt preventive

measures. If all physicians and all patients would adopt the 'Don't Worry' cure and 'stand pat,' letting the landlords do the worrying, the health of the community would be O. K."

Dr. J. S. Kenney, No. 231 Sherman Avenue: "There is no doubt in my mind that the landlord-tenant situation, with the consequent worrying on the part of so many people, extending throughout the summer, may be responsible for a great many of the ailments that are now keeping physicians so busy."

Dr. A. M. Goodhart, No. 130 Post Avenue: "The nervous strain under which thousands of people have been living for the past six months or more, due to the worries over the rent situation and the question whether they are to be brought to court in summary proceedings in October, is undoubtedly having a destructive effect upon the general health of New York's population. To the poorer and more congested districts the conditions must be much more serious than in the upper sections of Manhattan and the Bronx."

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The Rev. H. A. Stimson Says G. O. P. Acts Disgraceful.

Prof. Irving Fisher of Yale University, a member of the Committee on Pro-League Republicans and Independents, has received from the Rev. Henry A. Stimson, educator, clergyman and writer, a letter in which he volunteers his services to the committee in its efforts on behalf of the League of Nations.

The clergyman, whose home is at No. 28 West 14th Street, writes that although he is out of the pastorate after fifty years' service and being treated by a physician, he would be glad to be of use in securing acceptance of the League. "I am disgusted with the action of the Republican Convention and utterly outraged by the action of Mr. Lodge and his colleagues in the Senate and now amused at the futility of Mr. Harding in his attempt to strike a popular note in his speeches," Dr. Stimson wrote.

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